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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: State proposes cutting judgeships in Wayne; adding in Macomb, Oakland

"A report by the State Court Administrative Office proposes cutting eight judges from some Michigan courts and adding eight judges to other courts that need them based on workload. Wayne County Circuit Court has four more judges than needed while Macomb County Circuit Court needs four more judges and Oakland County Circuit Court needs two more judges, according to the more than 60-page report."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: State High Court recommends cutting judges in Wayne, adding Oakland, Macomb

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Mich. judicial agency wants to add, cut judges

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune, the Lansing State Journal, the Macomb Daily, the Oakland Press and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Detroit Legal News: SCAO report recommends cutting, adding judgeships

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News and the Oakland County Legal News.

SBM Blog: Report: Add Judges in Macomb and Oakland Counties, Cut in Wayne County and Outstate

[Full story](#)

Recommendations to cut, add judgeships detailed in judicial resources report

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Michigan high court interested in horse-car fatal

"The Michigan Supreme Court is looking at the case of a fatal crash involving a horse and a vehicle in Emmet County. The mother of Terri Sholberg is suing the owners of a stable, 15 miles north of Petoskey. In 2010, a horse escaped and crashed into a car, killing Sholberg, 42, and the animal."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court interested in fatal crash between car, horse

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Associated Press: Mich. court interested in horse-car fatal

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, the Oakland Press and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

The Detroit News: Oakland County court to tackle business disputes

"... Business courts have been used in other states for decades, but they're just taking off in Michigan, under a law enacted last year. That law requires circuit courts with three or more judges to establish business courts. Seventeen open for business next week."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Battle Creek Enquirer: Business courts scheduled to open in 17 Michigan counties

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Crain's Detroit Business, the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

The MiLW Blog: Courts gearing up for July 1 business docket debut

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The Detroit News: Police in west Michigan raid medical marijuana businesses

"Police in Michigan have searched three medical marijuana businesses and government offices as part of a drug-related investigation that began in 2012.... Michigan voters in 2008 approved marijuana for some chronic medical conditions, but the Michigan Supreme Court in February slammed the door on marijuana shops."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Duggan mounts write-in campaign for Detroit mayor

"... Nearly a week ago, [Mike] Duggan shut down his campaign after the Court of Appeals ruled to keep him off the Aug. 6 primary ballot because he violated city residency requirements. But after discussing the issue with several advisors and supporters, Duggan said he couldn't resist getting back into the race."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Mike Duggan announces write-in campaign to be next Detroit mayor

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Mike Duggan launches write-in campaign for Detroit mayoral race

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Michigan ban on domestic partner benefits blocked

"In yet another boost for gay rights, a federal judge in Michigan has blocked the state from enforcing a 2011 law that bans public employers from offering benefits to same-sex couples. Today's decision from U.S. District Judge David S. Lawson comes two days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that married same-sex couples were entitled to federal benefits."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan ban on domestic partner benefits blocked

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan ban on domestic partner benefits struck down by federal judge in preliminary injunction

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Ferndale court moves to City Hall

"Justice is on the move in Ferndale as court employees hefted boxes and documents Friday to set up the city's 43rd District Court at City Hall and a nearby office building. The outdated courthouse at 305 E. Nine Mile is getting ready for a year-long, \$1.2 million renovation."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Nominations sought for Judicial Excellence Award

"... Given annually, the [Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award] recognizes current or former Circuit or Court of Appeals judges who have demonstrated exemplary service by excelling in trial and docket management, legal scholarship, and contributions to the profession and the community."

[Full story](#)

The Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Michigan's oldest courthouse honored

"Michigan's oldest active courthouse got an outdoor plaque and some accolades Wednesday from Michigan Bar Association officials. State bar officials at ceremonies at the Howard Performing Arts Center announced the 1839 Courthouse in Berrien Springs has been chosen as the association's 38th Michigan Legal Milestone."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Dowagiac Daily News: State Bar in Berrien for oldest courthouse marker

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Kalamazoo Gazette: Kalamazoo juvenile lifer to be re-sentenced on order from Michigan Court of Appeals

"A Kalamazoo man convicted of first-degree murder for a fatal shooting he committed when he was 17 will be re-sentenced in the case following a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling that overturned his sentence of mandatory life without parole."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: New jury program launched in Detroit

"About 4,500 Detroiters were summoned each year to jury service at the Wayne County 36th District Court — but the court held only a handful of jury trials. That situation is about to change under a new program announced recently by Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot, special judicial administrator of the 36th District Court."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Archer addresses YLS Summit

"... During the [SBM Young Lawyers Section] luncheon, YLS Chair Felicia Johnson, commission counsel for the Wayne County Commission, welcomed guest speaker Dennis Archer, former Michigan Supreme Court justice and former Detroit mayor, of Dennis W. Archer PLLC/Dickinson Wright PLLC."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Report: There's 'shame' in Detroit judge's game

"A married judge who once bragged there was 'no shame' in his 'game' about a shirtless photo he sent to a married court deputy lied about his handling of a child support case, according to a report submitted to the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon County Legal News: Muskegon County Bar Association Announcement

"The investiture and swearing in of the Honorable Kathy L. Hoogstra as Judge of the 14th Circuit Court for Muskegon County will be Monday, July 1, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Honorable Timothy Hicks, 6th floor of the Michael J. Kobza Hall of Justice."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: 20,000 foster kids adopted so far through website

"Federal officials say 20,000 foster children have been adopted after being listed on a national website that links adoptive families with kids. The number is especially significant because the majority of those adopted were not infants, but many were teens, minorities and those with disabilities."

[Full story](#)

Times Herald/Port Huron: County changing jury selection; Jurors would be on call one week

"Carie Critzon considers jury service her civic duty, but that doesn't make it easy. Although she was never asked to appear, the Algonac mother of four called the county up to three times a week during the month of May after she was summoned."

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